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BIRD MIGRATION INTERRUPTED BY WEATHER CHANGE

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Birds Remaining Thru the Winter Mix Up Signs of Spring

The present season has proved of exceptional interest to observers of the migratory movements of Birds, owing to a freak of circumstances to be mentioned presently. After a mild and open December, January gave us an almost unbroken succession of dismal, cloudy or rainy days, though with little ice and snow, and the lowest temperature recorded was eleven degrees. Bird food was abundant, and numerous Robins and Song Sparrows continued to make this region their winter home. February was a month of different order, bringing a succession of cold waves, but with comparatively little snow or ice.

Hard to Distinguish Status of Birds.

We now come to the peculiar circumstance mentioned above; in ordinary years we expect the first migratory birds from the south to reach us in late February or early March, but as these early comers usually trickle in slowly, it is often impossible to know whether the individuals observed are true spring birds, that is, migrants from the south, or only hold-overs, arrivals from the north the previous autumn, which have made Cleveland their winter home. This year we are able to draw the deadline at Sunday, February 25, and say with assurance that the entire Cleveland region held not a single migratory land bird from the south, up to that day and date.

Weather Conditions Prevent Migration.

For a fortnight before that, the weather and food conditions were such as to render movements from the south impossible. To explain more fully; a blizzard from the northwest struck the lake region on Tuesday night, February 13, and as a result of this and the following storms the weather did not break until February 24; a temperature of 5 degrees was reported on the 22nd. The entire month of February up to the 24th was inclement, with too much wind from the north and northwest and too much ice and snow to permit northward movements to the south of us. Consequently, for once we can rest assured that every robin, song sparrow, meadow lark, chewink, red-headed woodpecker and flicker, seen in the Cleveland district up to February 24, was a winter resident, and not a harbinger of spring.

Bird Calendar.

1. American Crow; a few reported every month from January 1.

2. Bob White; February 11, Lake View; (five or more), Mr. H.T.Bailey
3. Chickadee; But few reported.
4. Brown Creeper; but few reported.
5. Blue Jay; but few reported.
6. Junco; February 11, Lake View (several) Henry Turner Bailey; February 25, Painesville, (12) Messers. W.J.Baker and E.Doolittle; March 3, Lake View (2) Mrs. Donaldson.
7. Downy Woodpecker; occasionally at "food-shelf", Noble Rd., during the winter.
8. White-breasted Nuthatch; February 25, Painesville, (1) Messrs. Baker and Doolittle.
9. Tree Sparrow; February 11, Lake View, (several), Mrs. Henry Turner Bailey; March 3, Mayfield Center, (2) Professor Finfrock; March 10, Painesville, Messrs. Baker and Doolittle.
10. Song Sparrow; February 11, Lake View, (several singing) Mrs. Henry Turner Bailey; February 25, Noble Rd., (one singing) Mrs. Dr. Ruedy; March 3, Cleveland Heights, Mrs. J.D'Errico, Jr.; March 3, Lake View, (1) Mrs. Donaldson; March 10, Painesville, (3) Messers. Baker and Doolittle; March 11, Altamount Avenue, Cleveland Heights, Miss Hackett.
11. Flicker; February 25, Painesville, Messers. Baker and Doolittle.
12. Herring Gull; but few reported in winter. (Nov. 5, Painesville, 100, W.J. Baker.)
13. Robin; February 26, Noble Rd., (1) Mrs. Dr. Ruedy; West Side, (1) Mr. E.J. Humel; February 27, Cleveland Heights, (1) Miss Hackett; February 28, E. 84th St, (1) Miss Saunderson; Adelbert Campus, Miss Hart; March 2, Cleveland Heights, (1); E. Cleveland (1), Miss Gimmy; March 10, Painesville, (3) Messrs. Baker and Doolittle.
14. Bronzed Grackle; February 27, E. 84th St., Mr. Fred Blake; March 2, Adelbert Campus, Dr. Booth; March 3, Mayfield Center (1) and March 4 (12), Professor Finfrock; March 10, (15) Painesville, Messrs. Baker and Doolittle; This is our common mid-western Grackle or Crow Blackbird;
15. Pine Grosbeak; March 2, Oak road, (male and female) Professor Finfrock.
16. Cardinal; but few reported.
17. Red-headed Woodpecker; March 3, Mayfield Center, (50) Professor Finfrock.
18. Cedarbird; March 3, Mayfield Center, (30, eating frozen-thawed apples) Professor Finfrock; March 11, Noble Rd., (35).
19. Tufted Titmouse; March 2, Noble Rd., Mrs. Dr. Ruedy; March 3, Mayfield Center, (4) Professor Finfrock.
20. Golden Crowned Kinglet; March 4, Mayfield Center (1) Professor Finfrock;
21. Hairy Woodpecker; March 4, Mayfield Center (2 in deep woods), Professor Finfrock.
22. Black Duck; March 4, Mayfield Center (11) identification probable Professor Finfrock.
23. Sparrow Hawk; March 4, (1), Noble Rd.
24. Bluebird; March 4, Noble Rd. (heard); March 10, Painesville,(6), Messrs. Baker and Doolittle; March 11, Noble Rd., (several) Mrs. Dr. Ruedy. (Reported on November 12, at Painesville, by Mr. Baker.)
25. Purple Finch; March 10, Painesville, (2, singing), Messrs. Baker and Doolittle.
26. Chewink; March 10, Painesville,(1) Messrs. Baker and Doolittle.
27. Ruffed Grouse; March 10, Painesville, (1) Messrs. Baker and Doolittle.

28. Meadow Lark; March 3, Hyde Park Ave. Cleveland Heights, William Hyde; March 4, Noble Rd.(several singing) Mrs. Dr. Ruedy; March 10, Painesville, (6) Messrs. Baker and Doolittle.
29. Red-tailed Hawk; March 10, Painesville, (9), Messrs. Baker and Doolittle.
30. European Starling; March 10, Painesville, (5) Messrs Baker and Doolittle.
31. Redwing Blackbird; March 10, Painesville, (5) Messrs. Doolittle and Baker. A flock of 500 reported by Mr. Baker, Nov. 12
32. Kildeer Plover; March 10, Painesville, (2) Messrs. Baker and Doolittle; March 15, Adelbert Campus, Mr. Humel.
33. Bufflehead Duck; March 10, Painesville, (1) Messrs. Baker and Doolittle.
34. Pied-billed Grebe; March 10, Painesville, (1) Messers. Baker and Doolittle.
35. Canada Goose; Marach 10, Painesville, (40 feeding off lake) Messrs Baker and Doolittle.

    Mr. Baker reported the following from Painesville; Snowflake, (50) November 5; Horned Grebe,(8) November 5; American Pipit, (25) November 5; Golden-eye (1) November 5; Savannah Sparrow,(2) November 5; Bonaparte Gull, (150) November 5; Pine Siskin (15) November 12; White-throated Sparrow, (1) November 4; and Blue Goose, head and wings of one shot at Fairport out of a flock of 20, November 5.

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